

Elder Montana Advocacy (former Silver Haired Legislature)

Annual Meeting
September 14th – 15th

The Annual meeting of the Montana Silver Haired Legislature was called to order at 1:00 p. m. at Jorgeson's Inn in Helena, Montana. Those in attendance were Betty Marshall, President; Linda McCartney, Vice-President; Pat Ludwig, Secretary; John Gazzo, Treasurer, as well as Bob Miller, Gen Bensen, Keith Bensen, Carol Aitken, Howard Lawson, Robert Miller, and Tom Dashner.

President Betty Marshall welcomed us all to Helena and acknowledged Brian LaMoure from the State Long Term Office. The Pledge to the Flag was given and then Brian swore the group in to session. He then took photos of the whole group together.

President Marshall then turned the meeting over to John Gazzo who presented a PowerPoint presentation of possible changes we could make to our organization to make it more accepted and effective. A discussion was held on the pros and cons of becoming a different group known as the Elder Montana Advocacy (EMA). The rest of the afternoon was spent on discussion and what would need to be changed. The group was charged with considerable thought to be voted on in the morning.

The meeting was recessed for our annual dinner and would continue at 8 a.m. in the morning.

At 8:00 a.m. President Marshall again called the group to order and asked that a vote be considered before the rest of the meeting could be conducted. A motion was made by Bob Miller to move ahead and to make a name change from Silver Haired Legislature to Elder Montana Advocacy. Howard seconded the motion and it carried with one dissention noted.

President Marshall then asked that the minutes of the last annual meeting be read and they were approved. Copies of the special meetings were presented and left on the table for anyone to read.

The Treasurer's report and the Annual Audit report were read by John Gazzo. We have a balance of \$5212.44 after an income of \$5600 and \$1648.33 in